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The Republican State Convention will meet in Louisville to-day, when the spirits of the bull moose and the elephant will brood over the gathering and strenuous efforts made to forget what occurred less than four years ago. It will probably be a strange looking party creature that will be adopted as a political mascot by this assemblage—an odd mixture of horns and hoofs, trunk and ears—but there will be no mistaking its leader with his rough rider hat and broad, glistening teeth.

It is the man or the boy with a vision who does things nowadays. It need not necessarily be a dream in the common acceptance of the word, but a mental perspective of greater and grander accomplishments for the man and his surroundings with the vision as a basis for constant inspiration. A vision is the result of active thought. Nobody does things of moment without strong thinking and meditation. In this way plans are made for the action which follows. Let no one be ashamed of being a dreamer of great things, with accomplishment to follow on the waking.

It has been facetiously asserted that if all the bills that have been introduced in the present Legislature were passed, it would be almost impossible for people to live in the State. Perhaps this is true, for citizens would not want to run the risk of unconsciously violating some law every day and thereby getting into trouble. Instead of acting on a few important matters and getting them through, the legislative hopper is piled high with various kinds of proposed enactments, the great majority of which are never acted upon at all. Our Legislature seems to be more or less a biennial joke.

When one thinks calmly over the matter the conviction can hardly be escaped that President Wilson is right in his stand that our citizens should not be forbidden to travel on belligerent ships from this country to the war zone. If he should issue this warning and a bunch of our people should get killed in spite of it, we could have no recourse on the nation responsible for their deaths. Furthermore, it would be an apparent abridgment of our national rights and privileges. The war has been going on long enough for the world to know the status of affairs. We should preserve our national integrity and use every means to avoid war.

To the editor of the Hartford Herald:—Let's organize a Commercial Club and boost the town and county. Two in, who's next?—[Hartford Republican.]

We kindly refer our neighbor and others interested in the subject to our issue of February 2, fourth page, half way down the first column, as to our sentiments in regard to a Commercial Club for the town and county. It is the very thing to do and of course both papers here are for it from the start. However, it takes more than the editors of a couple of newspapers to make such a thing a real success. They got very little appreciation for town and county boosting. Some people will read these two paragraphs and think they were only written to fill up space.

NEWSPAPER ACCURACY
OUTSIDE LARGE CITIES

Prof. Hugo Munsterberg is a professor of psychology at Harvard. His head is filled with ideas, and he knows many things, but some things he doesn't know. For instance, he has been taking a fling recently at newspaper reporters, who, he says, habitually distort what men say and do, and the professor regards this as a bad thing for public morals. Evidently the professor's experience has been with the metropolitan newspapers. On these newspapers a vast quantity of news must be gathered in an extraordinarily short time. Accuracy is aimed at and attained to a remarkable degree. But the metropolitan press is but a very small part of the country's press. Professor Munsterberg is provincial, like many other dwellers in Eastern cities. In the small towns the people are close to their newspaper. Frequently the editors know nearly everybody in the county. Accuracy becomes a deadly necessity. No reporter or editor who is worthy the name dares say he does not care whether what he writes is true or not. His profession and his pride in it demands that he give to it the best he has in him. Accuracy, attention to detail, truth, are only some of the things he must

give to his paper. Professor Munsterberg may be a great psychologist, but he will never be a great man until he learns that outside of Harvard, Boston and New York there is a great country filled with newspapers and newspaper men, and that in the lot the venal, the deliberately untruthful, the mountebank are as scarce as exactitude is in psychology.

YOU SHOULD PATRONIZE
YOUR HOME MERCHANTS

Support your home merchants. This is something that every man ought to be proud to do. Your home merchants are men who are always with you. They are men of tried integrity. They are men who have a livelihood to earn and reputations to uphold. They are not in business to-day and out tomorrow. They do business at the same old stand day after day and year after year. You buy an article of your home merchant and if it is not exactly as he represents it to you, you can always find him, and more than willing to make his word good. Besides, he is a man who, no doubt, has let you have goods time and again on your promise to pay after harvest or when spring opened and you could get work. This is something you should think of when ordering goods of a foreign firm. Will they "carry" you till after harvest? No indeed! If you want their goods you must pay for them when you get them, and run the chances of the coffee being half panned and the sugar half sand. It never pays to patronize any smooth speaking stranger who tells you that the men whom you have known and done business with for years are swindling you. He himself is not around on a mission of mercy that he may take a place among the thieves that will walk the streets of the New Jerusalem.

SUN'S TOTAL ECLIPSES
—SOME DATA IS FIXED

A heated argument has been raging in Danville for the past ten days in reference to the total eclipse of the sun visible in the United States. There were wide differences of opinion and but few have been able to reach an agreeable understanding as to the real date. The most of those who entered the discussion had in mind the total eclipse which occurred on August 7, 1859. However, there have been numerous other total eclipses visible in the United States, but several of which were not visible in Kentucky. Dr. Henry Meyer, of Centre College, who is an authority on astronomy and who was in his possession accurate records of the various eclipses visible in the United States, has supplied the Advocate with statistics which indicate that a number of those who have been contending are really accurate. The following total eclipses visible in the United States have occurred: 1860, July 18; 1863, August 7th; total in Kentucky, 1870, December 22; 1878, July 22; 1900, May 28th. The next total eclipse visible in Kentucky will be on June 18, 1918, and the next total eclipse visible not in Kentucky but in some sections of the United States, on September 19, 1923. These authentic facts will doubtless bring to an end one of the most interesting and absorbing arguments that has been engaged in here in many years.—[Kentucky Advocate.]

DELEGATES INSTRUCTED
FOR CHAS. W. FAIRBANKS

Owensboro, Ky., Feb. 28.—According to National Committeeman J. W. McCulloch the eight delegates with half a vote each from the State at large to the Republican National Convention at Chicago will be instructed to vote for Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indianapolis, for President. It is also believed that the Republican State Convention in Louisville Wednesday will endorse the candidacy of Fairbanks, but it was made plain by the county mass conventions Saturday that the Indiana candidate will not get all of the delegates from Kentucky.

E. T. Franks, of Owensboro, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, is authority for the statement that the Fairbanks followers will control seven of the eleven Kentucky districts.

At the district convention for the Second district, to be held at Henderson to-day, E. T. Franks, of Daviess county, and Clarence Wilson, of Union county, will be elected delegates to the Chicago convention. Dr. H. A. Board, of McLean county, will be elected State Central Committeeman to succeed J. W. McCulloch.

Suggested.

A number of Englishmen who were selected by the recruiting officer, talk of getting up a company of their own. They might call themselves the Refusers.—[Boston Transcript.]

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WILSON DEMANDS
FULLEST FREEDOM

Of Travel For Citizens Of
United States.

HOPE FOR PEACE YET STRONG

President Refuses To Agree To
Abridgment Of American
Privileges.

LETTER TO STONE EXPLAINS

Washington, Feb. 26.—President Wilson's letter to Senator Stone that he could not consent to any abridgment of the rights of American citizens in any respect follows:

"February 24, 1916.

"My Dear Senator: I very warmly appreciate your kind and frank letter of to-day and feel that it calls for an equally frank reply.

"You are right in assuming that I shall do everything in my power to keep the United States out of war. I think the country will feel no uneasiness about my course in that respect. Through many anxious months I have striven for that object, amidst difficulties more manifold than can have been apparent upon the surface; and so far I have succeeded. I do not doubt that I shall continue to succeed. The course which the Central European Powers have announced their intention of following in the future with regard to undersea warfare seems for the moment to threaten insuperable obstacles, but its apparent meaning is so manifestly inconsistent with explicit assurances recently given us by those Powers with regard to their treatment of merchant vessels on the high seas, that I must believe that explanations will presently ensue which will put a different aspect upon it. We have had no reason to question their good faith or their fidelity to their promises in the past, and I, for one, feel confident that we shall have none in the future.

"But in any event our duty is clear. No nation, no group of nations, has the right while war is in progress to alter or disregard the principles which all nations have agreed upon in mitigation of the horrors and sufferings of war; and if the clear rights of American citizens should ever unhappily be abridged or denied by any such action, we should, it seems to me, have in honor no choice as to what our own course should be.

"For my own part, I cannot consent to any abridgment of the rights of American citizens in any respect. The honor and self-respect of the nation is involved. We cannot peace and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor. To forbid our people to exercise their rights for fear we might be called upon to vindicate them would be a deep humiliation indeed. It would be an implicit, all but an explicit, acquiescence in the violation of the rights of mankind everywhere and of whatever nation or allegiance. It would be a deliberate abdication of our hitherto proud position as spokesmen even amidst the turmoil of war for the law and the right. It would make everything this Government has attempted and everything that it has achieved during this terrible struggle of nations meaningless and futile.

"It is important to reflect that if in this instance we allowed expediency to take the place of principle, the door would inevitably be opened to still further concessions. Once accept a single abatement of right, many other humiliations would certainly follow, and the whole fine fabric of international law might crumble under our hands piece by piece. What we are contending for in this matter is of the very essence of the things that have made America a sovereign nation. She cannot yield them without conceding her own impotency as a nation and making virtual surrender of her independent position among the nations of the world.

"I am speaking, my dear Senator, in deep solemnity, without heat, with a clear consciousness of the high responsibilities of my office, and as your sincere and devoted friend. If we should unhappily differ, we shall differ as friends; but where issues so momentous as these are involved we must, just because we are friends, speak our minds without reservation.

Faithfully yours,

"WOODROW WILSON."

Had a "Hunch."

Monk Pittman, the youthful porter at Charley Shearer's grocery, was the only person in town that

was sure the cold wave was coming before it actually arrived last Sunday. And why? Because, a few days before, his pet ground hog, which had for two years dozed peacefully in the chimney corner, raised up, whistled once and cut for tall timber. Monk looked for him high and low and at last located his hiding place in a hole in the cliff above the house, where he will doubtless remain until the soft zephyrs blow. Then, maybe, he will come from hiding and take up his residence for the summer season as usual in the Pittman garden.—[Beattyville Enterprise.]

AN AUTOMOBILE GIVEN
AWAY IN ROAD MATTER

The interest that is being manifested by the citizens of Ohio county, looking towards the improvement of our highways as promulgated by the Ohio County Good Roads Association has reached proportions that are promising.

This movement needs the loyal support of all progressive citizens who have any desire whatever to "Get out of the mud," to fall in line and help push this project with all possible haste. Other counties have good highways. Shall we?

At a time to be announced later, the association will give away an automobile. For free chances, see or write any of the following:

Dr. J. O. McKenney, Miss Emma Mulhall, Viles Peters, B. C. Barnes, Frank Barnes, Beaver Dam; C. D. Barnes, Barnes Auto Co., O. V. Liles, Central City; Miss Minnie McIntyre, McKenney, Dr. Parks, Rockport; Dr. D. Stewart, Dundee; R. D. Cooper, Fordsville; Dr. O. Allen, Cronwell; E. F. Barnes, Hopkinsville; E. G. Barnes, Hartford; Ernest Morton, Centertown; Wm. Hayes, Rochester; Jesse Maury, Morgantown.

Juniors Entertain.

The Junior class of Hartford College entertained the class of 1916 at the college hall on Friday evening, February 25th. A unique program was carried out, consisting of a grand march, followed by old fashioned games. Music was rendered throughout the evening by Misses Pendleton and Palmer. Delightful refreshments were served and the color-scheme was daintily carried out in the Junior colors—purple and white.

Those present were: Prof. and Mrs. H. E. Brown, Prof. Henry Leach and Miss Glenn; Seniors—Misses Hula King, Mary L. Pendleton, Willie Lindley, Beulah Moore, Evelyn Clark, Ione Hedrick; Messrs. Gilmore Keown, Halley G. Maddox, Leon Bishop, Worden Newbolt, Mack Benton, Jim Coleman, Ellis Bell, Russell Pirtle, Pearl Sanderfur, Edward Duke; Juniors—Misses Nellie Alford, Mazie Clark, Luereene Collins, Beulah Palmer, Dena Rial, Mary Bean, Corinne Shultz, Clarice Ward, Evelyn Thomas, Lula Sullenger, Muriel Wilson, Martha Rhoads; Mary Davison, of Beaver Dam; Messrs. Archie Brown, Gayle Taylor, Hinton Leach, Clifford Moore, Berry D. Walker, Byron Williams, Goebel Crowe, Ernest Wilson, James Glenn, Dewey Alford.

Got In Wrong Pew.

The Owensboro Messenger of Sunday says:

Collector Josh Griffith will certainly be careful of where he goes in the future after an experience of Saturday afternoon. Like several other prominent Democrats, the Collector "eased in" the back of the court room to look the Republican convention over. Just about the time he got seated, Col. J. W. McCulloch saw his action and at once made a motion that Collector Griffith be made a delegate at large from Daviess county to the Republican district convention to be held in Henderson Monday. Before the collector could protest the convention voted Col. McCulloch's motion unanimously and the chairman declared it carried.

Farm Lands Suffer.

Hickman, Ky., Feb. 28.—Reports from Wolf Island, which is about ten miles above Hickman, and which is the largest island in the Mississippi river, are to the effect that the recent flood did considerable damage. The water washed great holes in the fields, covering some with several feet of white sand, and left the uplands in very bad shape.

For classy job printing—The Herald

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I've been able to get, says Mr. W. M. Hubbard, President Indiana Poland China Breeders' Association, La. Fayette, Indiana, in writing about Rapier's Pig Meal he says, "It has proven the cheapest feed and best growing feed that I have been able to get for my hogs." He knows. He has tried them all. This meal is a scientific mixture of alfalfa feed, meal, molasses, corn feed, feed, linseed, feed, crushed wheat, oats, barley and ground flaxseed—a very quick frame builder. Write for full information, prices, etc. BARTON SUGAR FEED CO., 2nd St., Evansville, Ind.

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